Holiday season sparkles with 'Nutcracker' ballet

By TAMMY MALGESINI East Oregonian

holiday favorite, Nutcracker" ballet will be presented by local dancers during a trio of

shows to help usher in the season. This year marks the 10th anniversary of performing the Christmas ballet in Pendleton. Presented by Pendleton Ballet Theatre under the direction of Julie SnedenCarlson, it features more than 30 dancers from

age 4 through adults. The local production initially began as a small show with narration and dancing. Over the years, SnedenCarlson added to the production. For the 10th anniversary, it will be presented close to its entirety. And, unlike most ballets, she said it will include some narration to enhance the audience experience.

The performances are Thursday, Nov. 30 and Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. It will be staged at Bob Clapp Theatre in Pioneer Hall at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

The Nutcracker," SnedenCarlson said, is the story of a young girl who is just on the brink of womanhood. The show centers around a Christmas Eve party in a family's home. The children are excited about the festive occasion, which includes music, dancing, a visit by a toymaker and the gift of a Nutcracker. Further activity



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RyLee Demianew, Ruby Engum and Austin Ford of the Pendleton Ballet Theatre are among the 30 local dancers presenting "The Nutcracker." The performances are Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Bob Clapp Theatre at Blue Mountain Community College.

includes fun costumes, a delightful journey and a lavish festival.

"The Nutcracker' is full of magic and wonder on many levels," SnedenCarlson said. "The magic of Christmas, the magic of enchanted dolls and snowflakes that come to life, but also the magic of coming of age."

The story, SnedenCarlson said, well-known

is easy to follow, which isn't always the case with major ballets. In addition, there are lots of sparkles, with the director creating most of the costuming.

"It is a wonderful Christmas tradition to share with friends, family or alone," SnedenCarlson said.

The last of a trilogy ballets by

famous Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky. "The Nutcracker" was completed in 1892. It achieved popularity nearly a century later as a Christmas performance.

According to the history of "The Nutcracker," it was staged exclusively in Russia until performances in 1934 in England. The full-length show was first brought to the United States in 1944, presented by the San

Francisco Ballet.

SnedenCarlson founded the Pendleton Ballet Theatre as a studio and performance group dedicated to classical and contemporary ballet. A former professional ballerina, SnedenCarlson turned her focus to teaching — a job she loves — after a dancing injury.

Beyond teaching dance steps, SnedenCarlson said she has the opportunity to help kids learn about life through their desire to dance. Teamwork, perseverance, prioritizing, determination and self control are all essential through the

"Ballet gives dancers a place to voice their emotions, learn to control their bodies, and gives them a place to leave the drama of daily life at the door and escape into another world," she said.

Advance tickets for Nutcracker" can be purchased Nov. 18, 20 and 27 from 5-7 p.m. in the old Mayson's General Store, 369 S. Main St., Pendleton. Also, available tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/pendletonballettheatre.

BRIEFLY

Sinclair pumped up for grand opening

HERMISTON — A grand opening celebration is planned at the new Sinclair Oil in Hermiston.

Formerly a 76 gas station, the location made the switchover last month. Store manager Linda Lancaster invites the public to stop by the gas station and Dino Mart for free hot dogs and soda pop Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 710 W. Hermiston Ave. In addition there will be several giveaways, including a 55-inch TV and gaming systems. For more information, call 541-567-

Fall Festival features craft vendors

CONDON - Arts & crafts, jewelry, face painting and specialty items are among the vendors featured during the Condon Fall Festival.

People are invited to get started on their holiday shopping. The event is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall and the Condon Elks Lodge. Admission is free. Also, lunch and dessert will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 541-384-7777 or visit www. condonchamber.org.

Business bazaar offers holiday shopping

STANFIELD — A Holiday Direct Sales Bazaar is being hosted by Fun Fashions Boutique.

A number of vendors will be on hand to offers people convenient holiday shopping all in one place. The event is Saturday from 4-7 p.m. at 165 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield.

Wreath makers don't horse around

LEXINGTON — Participants in a workshop will receive instruction on creating a holiday wreath in the shape of a horse's head.

The Horse Head Wreath Making session is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the Lexington Grange, 66296 Marquardt Road, Lexington. The cost is \$40 per wreath. All supplies are provided; however, participants should bring some extra trimmings such as special ribbon, bows or ornaments. The finished product will be approximately 2 feet by 2 feet. The class size is limited.

COMING EVENTS

For a complete listing of events, visit easternoregonevents.com

THURSDAY, NOV. 16 HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SER-VICE, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SER-VICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926.

(541-276-7101) **SENSORY STORY TIME**, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

JIM CRARY VETERANS FORUM,

1-2:30 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Jim Crary, a veteran running for Congress in the 2nd District, will meet with Umatilla County vets about their concerns, ideas and all input. Free. (Mike Sanderson 541-720-1519)

SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities and life skills for middle and high school students. Registration requested. (Danny

MOANA PARTY, 5 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Royalty Princess Parties will send their "Island princess" to meet and greet kids, apply glitter tattoos and teach them to hula. Free. (541-966-0380)

YARN CLUB, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

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BINGO, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from

\$20-\$750. (541-567-7615) "THE FEARSOME PIRATE FRANK" 6 p.m., Armand Larive Middle School, 1497 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston. Local students in grades K-12 will perform. Cost to attend is \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, available at City Hall, the Parks and Rec office or at the door. (541-667-5018)

FIDDLERS NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refresh-ments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome.

FIRST DRAFT WRITERS' SERIES, 7-9 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Ki Russell and Matt Schumacher will share from their work. Open mic slots of 3-5 minutes available following main presentation. Free. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

"ALICE @ WONDERLAND", 7 p.m. Sandstone Middle School, 400 N.E. 10th St., Hermiston. Sandstone students will perform a contemporary take on the classic children's story. Tickets are \$3, available at the door. (Maria Duron 541-

"ALL IN THE TIMING", 7:30 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Bob Clapp Theatre, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. A collection of several one-act comedies by David Ives about life, love and opportunities both lost and found. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children over 3, available at the box office from noon-2 p.m. M-F, by calling for a reservation or at the door. Not suitable for young children due to mature language and subject matter. (Craig McIntosh 541-

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